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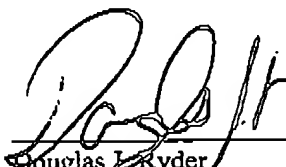
Request for Expedited Examination

Dear Examiner James Trammel:

The above-noted U.S. National Stage Application filed under 35 U.S.C. 371 contains only claims that meet the criteria of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) (a copy of the IPER is attached for the convenience of the Examiner). The fees in accordance with 37 CFR 1.492(a)(4) were paid to the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, this application should be taken up out of order per 37 CFR 1.496(b).

If this request does not lead to an expedited examination, Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney via either fax (215) 348-4265 or telephone (215) 348-0265.

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- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US99/28600

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:

☐ the international application as originally filed☒ the description:

pages 1-13, as originally filed

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☒ the claims:

pages 14-16, as originally filed

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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international

☐ contained in the international application in printed form.☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:☒ the description, pages NONE☒ the claims, Nos. NONE☒ the drawings, sheets/fig. NONE5. ☐ This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-31</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-31</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-31</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-31 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a system and method for identifying a particular subscriber. The subscriber is identified by comparing the subscriber activities that includes channel change sequences, volume sequences, time of day sequences, time of day viewing and program content associated with the particular subscriber.

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